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SUBJECT: LIBYAN MIRAGES REPORTEDLY MOVED NEARER

EGYPTIAN BORDER

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1. ACCORDING TO PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR, WHOSE INFORMATION COMES FROM PAKISTANI PILOTS TRAINING LIBYANS, NUMBER OF LIBYAN MIRAGES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN MOVED FROM EX-WHEELUS AIR BASE IN TRIPOLI TO BASES IN CYRENAICA. AMBASSADOR UNDERSTANDS MOVE IS INTENDED TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR PLANES TO BE TRANSFERRED TO EGYPT IN CASE OF NEED.

2. WE CONTINUE TO THINK THAT SOVIET WEAPONS DELIVERED TO LIBYA, INCLUDING T-62 TANKS AND SA-6 MISSILES, WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO EGYPTIANS IN EVENT OF WAR, REGARDLESS OF STATE OF SADAT-QADHAFI RELATIONS. IN MEANTIME, IF BILATERAL RELATIONS IMPROVE SUFFICIENTLY, SOME ADVANCED WEAPONS, WHICH LIBYANS CANNOT MAINTAIN OR OPERATE MIGHT BE TURNED OVER TO EGYPTIANS IN ANY CASE. WE IMAGINE QADHAFI IS USING THIS AS BARGAINING LEVER IN ANY TALKS WITH ASHRAF MARWAN, WHO ARRIVED HERE DECEMBER 21.

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